

BEETLE COLLECTIONS

A Third Wollaston Collection Rediscovered at the California Academy of Sciences.— During a recent move of collections in the Department of Entomology at the California Academy of Sciences, staff members rediscovered what is undoubtedly a third Coleoptera collection made by T. V. Wollaston. Johnson (1970) provided detailed information on the two famous Wollaston collections deposited in the British Museum (Natural History), London, and the Oxford University Museum, Oxford, respectively, and on Wollaston's work on Coleoptera. It has been apparent to several workers [e.g. Israelson (1971); Johnson (1970)], however, that certain material described or at least studied by Wollaston is not represented in either of these collections. The purpose of this note is to alert coleopterists around the World to the existence of additional Wollaston material at the Academy.

A search of departmental correspondence files reveals that the specimens were purchased by Dr. E. C. Van Dyke from W. H. Janson & Son (44, Great Russell Street, London) in November, 1933, and arrived in San Francisco in late December of the same year. The shipment was invoiced as "Collection of Atlantic Islands Coleoptera in 7 boxes". Van Dyke immediately donated the collection to the Academy. In his annual report for 1933, Dr. E. P. Van Duzee, then curator, recorded the gift as "the Wollaston Collection of beetles from the Atlantic Islands".

The collection comprises about 4600 specimens, representing many beetle families, from localities in the Madeira, Canary, and Cape Verde island groups. It is probable that many type specimens are included. Because of the importance of this material, I plan to publish, in the near future, a list of taxa, and localities for each, represented in the collection as an aid to interested workers.

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